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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A
RESOURCE RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN TIME SLOTS, THE
ACCESSION AND ACCESSED RESSOURCES NOT HAVING A REAL
TIME CLOCK.

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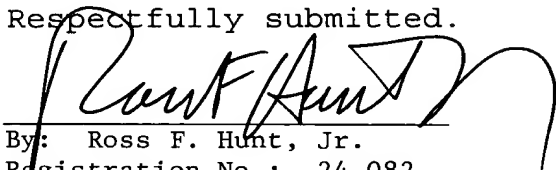
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It is noted that the US reference 5,768,379 is the counterpart of FR 2 722 596 and that WO 99/35617, the abstract of which is enclosed, is the counterpart of FR 2 773 405.

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Respectfully submitted.


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